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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. AVH Controls.  
Since the death of Stalin, AVH controls have diminished by about 50%. This is particularly noticeable at railway stations, especially in the frontier area. (Csorna, Celldömök and Pápa).
2. Shortage of Bread.  
Bread is now distributed only twice a week; it must be bought at the same shop and the shopowner will not sell bread to strangers. Once the bread is cut it soon goes moldy.
3. The following examples are known of quantities issued:
  - a. A family of four received 1 kg. of bread for three days.
  - b. A widow with four children (all under 16) received the same amount.
4. More bread is available in mining areas. People often travel from Pápa to Tatahánya to buy bread from the miners. This practice is strictly forbidden and those caught are punished as black marketeers.
5. Wages and Prices.
  - a. A railway shunter earns 680-700 forints a month, for which he must work at least 360 hours.
  - b. A so-called "workers suit" of cotton mixture and artificial material costs 1,500 forints.
  - c. A pair of light summer shoes with nylon insets costs 220-230 forints.
  - d. The following are the prices of some brands of cigarettes:
 

1.) Lánchid	:20for 7.50 forints
2.) Tulipán	:20 " 6.00 "
3.) Béke	:25 " 4 "
4.) Munkás	:25 " 2 "
5.) Nikotex Munkás	:25 " 3 "

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6.) 5-eves terv	:25	"	3.50	"
7.) Kossuth	:25	"	3	"

6. Removal of Stalin Pictures  
In West Hungary the pictures of Stalin which used to be seen at every railroad station had been removed.

7. Grain Deliveries  
Grain deliveries are being controlled more strictly than ever. A farmworker in Bakonytamási was sent to prison for 8 days and fined 300 forints for removing a small bundle of rye (about 600 gr.) to take home. The controller of grain deliveries in Bakonytamási is called Margit Sök.

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